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SUBJECT: AFTERMATH OF MILITARY COUP IN BURUNDI

REF: BUJUMBURA 939

1. ACCORDING TO BURUNDI'S AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S., LAURENT NSEYIMANA, THE NEW MILITARY REGIME IN BURUNDI HAS ALREADY DISPATCHED SPECIAL DELEGATIONS TO DAR ES SALAAM AND KIGALI AND IS ABOUT TO SEND A SIMILAR DELEGATION TO KINSHASA, TO REASSURE THOSE NEIGHBORING GOVERNMENTS FOLLOWING THE NOVEMBER 1 MILITARY TAKEOVER IN BURUNDI.

2. NSEYIMANA SAID THAT HE WAS BEING KEPT INFORMED OF
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EVENTS IN HIS COUNTRY THROUGH CABLES FROM THE BURUNDI

FOREIGN MINISTRY. ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION, ALL NON-MILITARY GOVERNORS ARE BEING REPLACED, INCLUDING THE GOVERNOR OF MUYINGA PROVINCE, WHERE WE WERE CONSIDERING IMPLEMENTING OUR FIRST DIRECT BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT. ADDITIONALLY, NSEYIMANA SAID HE WAS INFORMED THAT THE BUJUMBURA AIRPORT HAD REOPENED.

3. NEITHER DEPT NOR NSEYIMANA HAS FIRM INFORMATION REGARDING ITINERARY OR WHEREABOUTS OF FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL OF MICOMBERO'S PRESIDENCE, NIKOBAMYE. REFTEL IN-

DICATED NIKOBAMYE SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN WASHINGTON AT TIME OF COUP.

4. NSEYIMANA HAS RECEIVED NO WORD REGARDING THE STATUS OF BURUNDI AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED ABROAD. KISSINGER

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